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THE COUNTY JAIL

Within the past few weeks the county jail which has long been inadequate to the needs, has been crowded with as high as fifteen prisoners, and on yesterday the Democrat visited there on business, and an appalling sight caught his eye. The jailer nor his good wife is in any way responsible for conditions that exist there, as they are doing their part and doing it well. But there are a few passing remarks we wish to pass to the Board of County Commissioners, the Grand Jury now in session and others who may be interested. A model county jail, as we understand it, and the one adopted by the State Welfare Board consists of six cells, one for white men, one for white women, one for colored men and one for colored women and two for diseased patients who are suffering from contagious diseases. What are the conditions here? In the cell at that time were two women, one black and one white, six negro men and four white. All the rooms in the upper portion of the jail were empty. There were several men in the lower portion who were being held in the cell, but were not fortunate enough to be within of the law and are now incarcerated in prison with negroes. Mr. Grand Juror, Mr. Commissioner does this meet with your approval? Surely not. If it does, speedy steps should be taken to bring it to the attention of the State Board of Public Welfare, and have the prison condemned. It must be torn to be put into prison, and this must be done often for some offense, not so serious, but it is a thousand times worse to be forced to mingle with those of another race through the day, and almost sleep with them at night. Of course the prison is just as it was when our present officers were elected but it is up to them to see that this blot on the fair name of Watauga is removed and a modern prison provided even if a bond issue should be necessary to raise the money with which to do it. A prison is not intended for punishment but is a place within which to confine the lawbreakers, and every prisoner be he white or black is entitled to quarters where he is associated with people of his own race.

We hope to publish in our next issue the grand jury's report on Watauga's prison conditions.

THANKS

We are very grateful for the many nice compliments received this week on the improvements in the Watauga Democrat, as it now seems to be generally conceded that we are the high lights in this territory. We are especially appreciative of Judge Finley's kind remarks regarding our efforts in his charge to the Grand Jury on Monday. These thoughtful appreciations certainly help us ease over the rough places in life's rocky road.

Should the readers of this issue detect typographical errors in the news, please be merciful, for the rag came out under most adverse circumstances and the job had to be done with record breaking speed to make the usual mails.

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COOLIDGE IS CLOSE TO CONGRESS

New President Hope of Republicans Plays Coal Strike Situation Sage Gives Green Surprise

Washington, Sept. 6th—President Coolidge has been in office a little more than three weeks and he is gradually beginning to take shape in the eyes of the politicians, the press and the people. So swiftly has the change happened that where three weeks ago he was an accident against whom the rule operated that vice-presidents succeeding to the presidency are never afterward nominated, today he is the leading possibility for the nomination of 1924.

The remarkable thing about Mr. Coolidge is the swiftness and certainty with which he has acted when he became President some Boston newspaper man who was familiar with him said: "He knows perfectly how to estimate the consequences of what he does."

That has been the outstanding trait in the first three weeks. You get the sense that he knows his own mind at the newspaper correspondents. The correspondents were prepared for silent man out of whom it would be difficult to extract information. He instantly surprised everyone. He talked more freely more flatly than anyone else who has been in the White House since Roosevelt. He is more informal than Mr. Harding. Where the late President would say the "President thinks," Mr. Coolidge says simply "I think."

Mr. Coolidge never flounders. He is a man of clear, sane, frank, and unpretentious personality. We found a much more simple, Democratic approachable personality than Mr. Harding's. His point of view is that of a man in the first person rather than in the third. He gives an impression of earnestness, sincerity, and directness that Mr. Harding did not. He even jokes about it spontaneously. When Mr. Harding tested you felt it was the chief executive unbending, getting down to the level of the "boys." Mr. Coolidge is quite easily and unobtrusively on the level of the "boys."

Washington was prepared to be disappointed in Mr. Coolidge. It has been agreeably surprised. It is a lucky way to begin with the public for agreeable surprises. I have spoken not expecting much. It gives a chance of the agreeable surprise of the press when Mr. Coolidge first met it officially.

The politicians were equally agreeably surprised. They had treated the vice president coldly, ignored him. He at once moved closer to them than Mr. Harding had ever been. A shrewd senator said at the outset "a man always kicks over the ladder on which he has risen. The Senate made Mr. Harding President so he had to be cold to the senate. Mr. Coolidge owes his presidency to no lobby, so he will be close to congress."

He was right; Mr. Coolidge is closer to Congress than Mr. Harding. His nearest advisers are in the two houses. He appointed an ex-congressman popular in both houses as his private secretary to establish such a nexus as no one else has ever had. Mr. Harding he has neither friends nor enemies in it. He accepts it on principle, not by favor. In three weeks he has gained the good will of the press, of Congress and of the machine. There has not been the slightest hesitation or fumbling. All Washington knew when he took office that he would do something impressive, to catch the public eye, and let the politicians go hang. We remember the Boston police strike. He evidently means to do nothing impressive but to play the game with his cards very close to his chest. He played the coal strike situation safe. He calculated exactly. He knew he could do nothing to capitalize its possibilities. That path to public favor was full of warnings. Governor Pinchot might perhaps act effective and he generously turned over the chance to do so to Governor Pinchot. It was good politics. He is a good politician. Not a great politician for he lacks imagination and boldness. He is not a Roosevelt politician. He belongs rather to the gum shoe school of Murray Crane in which he was reared. He has gathered in the press, Congress and the regular machine. There remains the progressive rump. It is the hardest part of his job. He has not given a sign. What about the disaffected west. People predict that he will be a hard boiled conservative having calculated accurately that it does not pay to be all things to all men. Will he surprise the world here

too? There is the case of the political prisoners. When he took office those who were interested in amnesty threw up their hands. Here was something as hard and immovable as old Plymouth Rock. He talked to Senator Pepper, who believes in free speech. Whether because of this or because he believes in the tenets of the Boston tea party, renouncing as he does the "te" in tenets so as to rhyme with the tea in tea party, he made an announcement which led to the belief that he would release the political prisoners. So I ask again, how about the progressives? Will he be hard boiled?

CULLING THE POULTRY FLOCK

Some Pertinent Facts by a Practical Poultryman on How to Distinguish Good Fowls.

Extension Farm News. Many farmers are aware that they have boarders in their poultry flocks. In fact hens are kept that do not lay a sufficient number of eggs to pay for the feed they consume yet some growers do not know how to distinguish these fowls from the good products. With a little careful study of each hen a grower can learn to pick out the layers and the non-layers and dispose of the latter. Just now is about the best season of the year to undertake this task as most of the hens are snacking up in egg production.

The following are some of the points which are used to determine which are the good and which are the poor layers: As a general rule a poor layer is one that begins to molt or shed her feathers early in the season and takes a long time to get a new coat of feathers. However this rule is not infallible, as the writer has known some hens that molted early yet produced by the trapnest method to be excellent producers.

Another general rule is that when fowls with yellow beaks and legs are laying heavily the yellow color or pigment will fade considerably and nearly bleach white. In a few cases this indication will not hold true, but with a few exceptions these general rules will hold good.

How to Tell the Good Layer. The good layer can be picked out in many different ways. In the first place she is a worker. She is off the roost early and about the last one to turn in at night. She has a nice round head a bright eye and a long not too long. Her toenails are rather short from scratching for food. Her feathers are rather dull looking in appearance, and after she has been laying for some time become ragged looking. She lays well up into the late summer before beginning to molt or shed her feathers and when she does start molting she finishes it up in as short time as possible and even while molting will lay a few eggs. As soon as she gets her new coat of feathers she starts laying again, and if properly fed, will lay through the fall, winter, and up into late summer.

The Body Shape is Important. The next and most important point is the study of the body shape which is the foundation for egg production. In chickens we must go below the feathers because the plumage changes the apparent shape of the carcass.

The farmer should study his hens for a good back. This should be level and wide all the way back, a narrow pinch back will indicate a poor layer. The hen should also have depth of body which denotes capacity. The depth of body is ascertained by measuring with the hand between the end of the breast bone, commonly called the "keel" and the pelvic bones, the bones just at the sternum. These are sometimes called the lay bones. The greater the space between these two points, viz: the keel and pelvis, the better capacity a hen has to consume food and manufacture it into eggs. Next we come to the pelvic or lay bones. These bones in a good layer

should be wide apart, and the bones themselves of thin texture. If formed thick and coarse and the ends sometimes turn inward rather abruptly it denotes a very poor capacity for delivery. Some hens will show excellent measurements or capacity between the keel and lay bones which denotes capacity, but the spread or space between the lay bones will be so narrow that the capacity to deliver the eggs will be very poor and very often when such is the case the egg will be absorbed by the body and the hen becomes very fat, or sluggish and lazy. Hence you will often see a hen with a red comb, nice rich looking plumage, long toe nails, never seeming to work or hustle but acting like she was on dress parade. If you have any such in your flock dispose of them at once as they will not pay for their keep.

Use Early Hatched Pullets

Let me urge you at this time to keep no pullets for breeders for your fall and winter layers unless they were hatched early last spring and have not been stunted in growth. These make the best layers and their offsprings will be large.

I find a number of counties where pure bred fowls have been raised



LOSING MONEY

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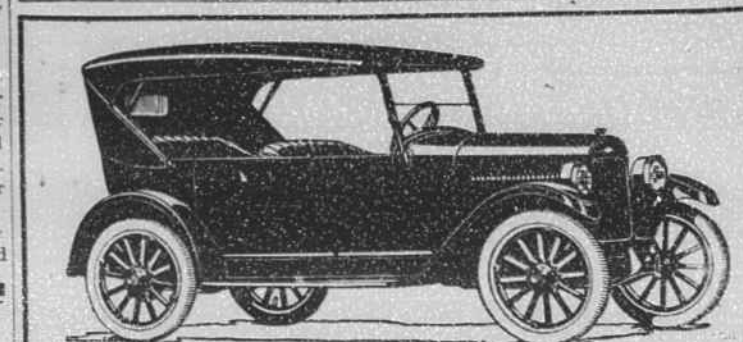
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from eggs laid by fall hatched pullets that many of the chickens are much smaller in size and weight that they are almost bantams compared with the standard for such a breed. And when the farmer raises broilers from such undersized parents it costs him more to get them to a marketable weight than if the parent bird had not been stunted.—E. G. Wardin, Assistant in Poultry Extension.

\$7,000,000 FOR ADVERTISING

Announcement has just been made that Henry Ford has reorganized his advertising department and has appropriated \$7,000,000 to be spent at once in a national advertising campaign. During the past several years the manufacturer of Ford cars has

done little advertising, leaving this matter to local dealers. He is said to have realized the mistake of such action, however and the reorganization of the advertising department followed. If Henry Ford is willing to spend \$7,000,000 on an advertising campaign there should be no question about the value of advertising. For several years the Ford dealers in all parts of the world have been selling Fords faster than they could be manufactured. The capacity of the plant has been increased many times, yet the demand is greater than the supply. And yet Mr. Ford realizes that the \$7,000,000 he will spend advertising his plants and products, will be money well spent.—Concord Times



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